

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A battery comprising:

a power generating element ~~having~~ including a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a separator;

a battery case for housing the power generating element;

a battery cover for closing the battery case;

a terminal provided for the battery cover;

a lead for electrically connecting the terminal and one of the positive electrode ~~or and~~ the negative electrode; and

a member, ~~which is fit~~ that is (i) in contact with an inner wall of the battery case so as to be held in a position inside of the battery, and (ii) sandwiching by which a part in which the lead and the one of the positive electrode ~~or and~~ the negative electrode are electrically connected ~~to each other is sandwiched~~.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1, wherein the member presses the part in which the lead and the one of the positive electrode ~~or and~~ the negative electrode are electrically connected ~~to each other~~.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1, wherein the member has an insulating property.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The battery according to claim 1, wherein the member is adhered to the battery case.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1, wherein both of (i) a part in which the positive electrode and the lead are electrically connected to each other, and (ii) a part in which the negative electrode and the lead are electrically connected to each other, are sandwiched by the member.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The battery according to claim 1, wherein the member is constructed by a plurality of members.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing the battery according to claim 1, the method comprising: a step of electrically connecting the lead to the positive electrode or the negative electrode; a step of sandwiching a part in which the lead and the positive electrode or the negative electrode are electrically connected to each other by the member; a step of housing the power generating element in the battery case; and a step of bending the lead.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn) The manufacturing method according to claim 8, wherein the step of bending the lead is performed after the step of sandwiching the part in which the lead and the positive electrode or the negative electrode are electrically connected to each other by the member.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1, further comprising:

an aluminum foil₁ which is a non-coating portion of the positive electrode and is projected in an upper end of the power generating element;

a copper foil₁ which is a non-coating portion of the negative electrode and is projected in a lower end of the power generating element;

an inner bottom face provided for the battery case;

a positive lead ~~as one of the lead, which~~ that connects the aluminum foil to the terminal;
and

a negative lead ~~as one of the lead, which~~ that connects the copper foil to the inner bottom face,

wherein the part in which ~~is where~~ the positive lead and the aluminum foil are electrically connected is sandwiched by the member to each other.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The battery according to claim 1, further comprising:

an aluminum foil₁ which is a non-coating portion of the positive electrode and is projected in a lower end of the power generating element;

a copper foil₁ which is a non-coating portion of the negative electrode and is projected in an upper end of the power generating element;

an inner bottom face provided for the battery case;

a positive lead ~~as one of the lead, which~~ that connects the aluminum foil to the inner bottom face; and

a negative lead ~~as one of the lead, which~~ that connects the copper foil to the terminal,

wherein the part in which ~~is where~~ the negative lead and the copper foil are electrically connected is sandwiched by the member to each other.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn) A method of manufacturing the battery according to claim 10, the method comprising: a step of electrically connecting the positive lead to the aluminum foil and connecting the negative lead to the copper foil; a step of housing the power generating element in the battery case; a step of welding the negative lead to the inner bottom face; a step of sandwiching the part in which the positive lead and the aluminum foil are electrically connected to each other by the member; and a step of bending the positive lead.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn) The manufacturing method according to claim 12, wherein the step of bending the positive lead is performed after the step of sandwiching the part in which the positive lead and the aluminum foil are electrically connected to each other by the member.